GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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RE OPENING OF RUPSI AIRPORT
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any decision regarding re-opening of Rupsi Airport near Dhubri in Assam and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has held any discussion/talks with the North Eastern Council in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details and the outcome thereof along with the time by which this airport is likely to be re-opened to provide air connectivity to the lower Assam?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION (Shri G. M. Siddeshwara)

(a), (b) & (c) : The Ministry of Civil Aviation, on the request of Air HQ (MoD), had approved the proposal of handing over of Rupsi Airport, which belongs to Airports Authority of India, to IAF on lease, for its development for joint user needs, i.e. both civil flight operations and defence requirements. The issue was deliberated in the proceedings of 61st Plenary of North East Council held on 27.6.2012. In order to hand over the requisite land at Rupsi Airport to IAF, before signing the lease agreement, the airport land boundary needs to be properly ear-marked. The Revenue Department of the State Govt. of Assam has completed the survey of land and fixing of the boundary stones. Further handing over of land and reopening of the Airport depends upon the updation of land records by the State Govt. of Assam and active co-ordination by IAF.